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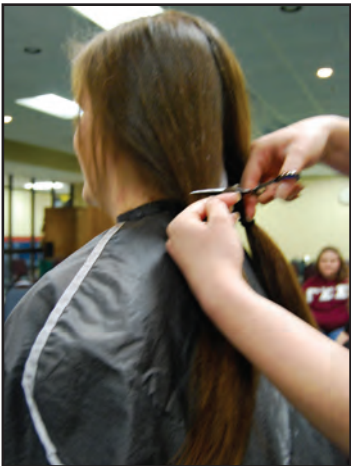
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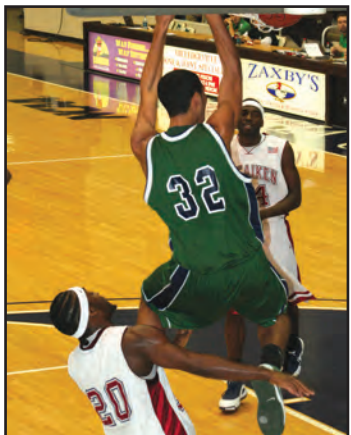
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Snow Way: Georgia becomes a winter wonderland



BY MATT CHAMBERS
STAFF REPORTER

The end of February and the start of March brought a unique sight to Milledgeville and the GCSU campus Sunday—snow.

Flurries of snowflakes littered the sky and provided beautiful scenery for Milledgeville residents itching for that winter feel. Because it hadn't snowed all winter long, this surprising snowstorm was warmly welcomed.

Despite continuous snowfall, the snow did not stick to the ground or pile up much. Some parked cars and leafy bushes allowed students to capture pictures of the unusual sight of snow build up.

While Milledgeville did not receive as much snow as other parts of the state, weather.com recorded 0.61 inches of flakes on Sunday.

Students were in various circumstances when the wintry weather hit Milledgeville.

Freshman rhetoric major Lauren Browne was driving back in the snow and was unable to get out and enjoy it.

"I was driving the whole time, but it was nice to look at," Browne said.

Even though she was unable to get outside and have fun, Browne still appreciated the snow.

"I loved it, it was the best part of the weekend," Browne said.

Other students were on campus and went outside to play in the snow. Freshman Amanda Beck left her room in Foundation Hall with some friends to relish in the rare weather.

"We ate (the snow) when it was falling, threw snowballs, spun around and took pictures in it," Beck said. "It made me extremely happy."

After getting their fill of the snowy weather, students focused less on the snow and more on the upcoming week ahead.

Students were hoping that the snow would force classes to be canceled. Much to several students' disappointment, the snow did not interfere with school functions on Monday.

The snow that did stick melted, and with it went the hopes of canceled classes.



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Maria Acosta makes light of inclement weather.

BRANDIE ASHE / GUEST PHOTOGRAPHER
Snow surprised south Georgia Sunday afternoon.

IAN SHEDDAN / GUEST PHOTOGRAPHER
A group of students in between residence halls enjoy the rare weather.

VIEW A SLIDESHOW OF SNOW PICTURES
AT WWW.GCSUNADE.COM

Hancock and Clark streets focus of GDOT study

BY DESIREE MARNEY
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU Department of Public Safety and the Georgia Department of Transportation are reviewing crosswalk safety after two January and February incidents where a vehicle struck a student and another vehicle struck two staff members.

Public Safety requested a GDOT observational study on vehicle and pedestrian traffic at Hancock and Clarke streets in order to make more informed decisions on the traffic equipment to ensure public safety, according to James Smith, district traffic engineer.

Thus far, the study concluded that if a person is walking east to west, the "peds" (walking person sign) will appear when the traffic light changes, but if a person is walking from north to south, the crosswalk button must be pressed in order to cross the street, Joe Grant, deputy chief of GCSU Public Safety said.

"Everything is functioning normal, but it is not supposed to function that way," Grant said.

The GDOT is trying to find a way to synchronize the signals for motorist and pedestrians, and this study is still an ongoing process.

"The GDOT is responsible for the traffic signals on Hancock and Clarke streets," Smith said. "We try to inspect all the signals on a two year basis."

Last summer, the GDOT installed a crosswalk signal with a count down timer and push button to cross because of a pedestrian being hit by a vehicle and the high volume of traffic in that area according to Sergeant Michael Baker of Public Safety.

"Around the crosswalks we've increased the lighting and put in signs to increase the safety because pedestrian safety is a concern here," he said.

Other proposals have recently enabled Public Safety to increase pedestrian and driver safety by passing out pamphlets to drivers, requesting for Hancock, Clarke and Montgomery streets to be taken off of the GDOT route and requesting for the GDOT to reroute traffic, Grant said.

Audible crosswalks or raised crosswalks with flashing lights

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Name change, reorganization for SOLAS

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

When fall semester starts this year, the College of Arts and Sciences will have been reorganized and renamed with the hope of clearing up some confusion. The Schools of Education, Business and Health Sciences will also be renamed, though they will remain unchanged in structure.

On Friday, Jan. 30, the faculty of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences held a meeting in the A&S Auditorium to vote on one important issue regarding the organization and nomenclature of their school.

The vote changed the name of the school, as well as separated it from the education department. SOLAS will become "College of..." instead of "School of..." effective July 1.

Kenneth Procter, Dean of SOLAS, says the name change only makes sense.

"College" is the normal term for

these units," Procter said. "In my past experience, almost everywhere uses 'colleges' and not 'schools.'"

The process began when Procter's fellow faculty members brought up the strange structure.

"Some of my coworkers mentioned it to me," Procter said. "I got the ball rolling. My thinking was 'let's clean this up.'"

The School of Education passed a similar measure on the same day, completing the restructuring move, according to Amanda Hall, coordinator of office services.

"As an artifact of earlier administrative structure, the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Education are joined under an 'umbrella' designation called the College of Arts and Sciences," Procter wrote in an e-mail to the faculty before the meeting. "At one time there was one supervising dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and subordinate deans of

the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Education."

Procter went on to explain why the change was now necessary.

"Given that there is no longer a supervising dean, the two schools are functionally separate and each enjoys the leadership of an independent dean, this proposal would eliminate the College of Arts and Sciences as an 'umbrella' organization. The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences will be renamed the College of Arts and Sciences."

The School of Business joined SOLAS in passing the name-change measure, according to Valerie Lemmon, administrative assistant to the dean, and the School of Health Sciences has passed it as well, according to the school's dean, Dr. Sandra Gangstead.

At the meeting, the opening points were brief but fairly interesting, including a proposal to create separate Music and Theater departments

and the president releasing five percent of summer revenue back to the school recently.

Once opening statements had been heard, the faculty seemed eager to vote on the name change. The measure passed unanimously.

"The only costs we would really be looking at incurring are for stationary and a few new signs. The ones in this building and auditorium are already correct," Procter said as he gestured toward a large College of Arts and Sciences banner hanging on a side wall.

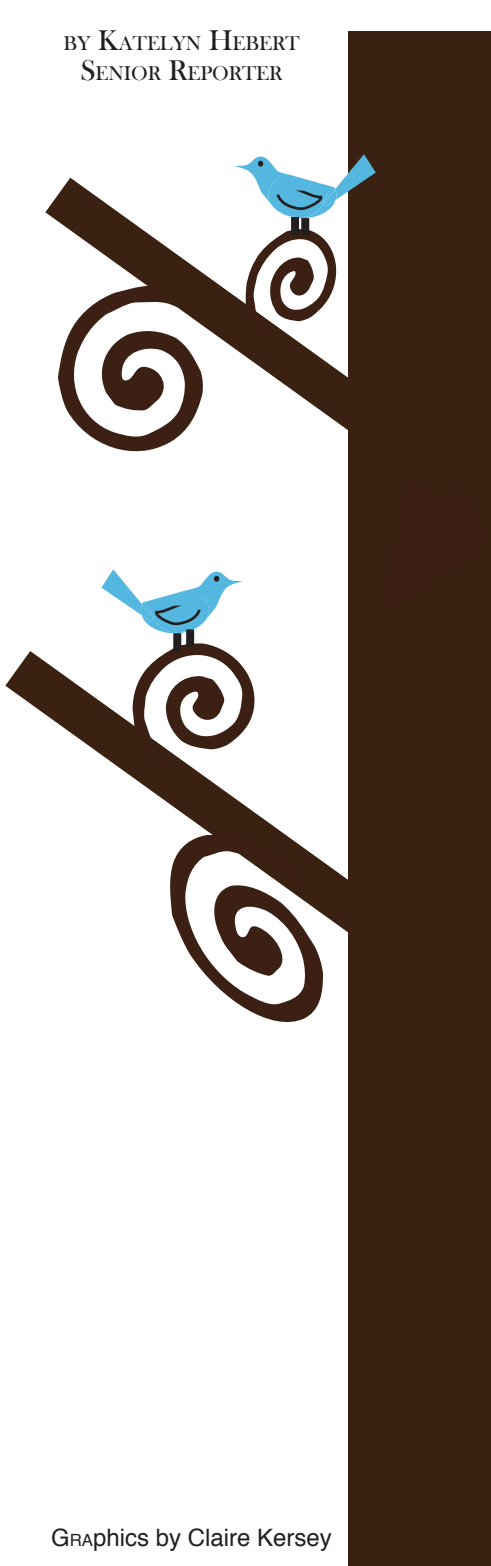
Based on the faculty's overwhelming support of this move, it seems long overdue and should help both schools move forward independently, while still maintaining a working relationship between them.

"A math teacher is first a math major," Procter said. "It is part of our job in liberal arts and sciences to support education. The cooperative relationship will not change."

A little birdie told me...

Social networking site, Twitter, hatches on campus

BY KATELYN HEBERT
SENIOR REPORTER



Graphics by Claire Kersey



From MySpace to Facebook, Internet social sites are quickly sweeping the globe including the newly popular - Twitter.

This social networking site was created to be simple but informative. Users can get updates from Twitterers like Barack Obama or the Dalai Lama, musicians like Coldplay or their roommates and friends. The celebrities are always very popular with Twitter users; Britney Spears rakes in over 280,000 followers.

“I think the twitter forum is very sleek and fresh, and I think it’s appealing because a lot of celebrities have accounts that you can follow. You can follow indie magazines like Paste, or big-name newspapers like the New York Times,” said junior English major Christine Davis, who has become an avid Twitter user since she heard the news from her friends. “So far, Twitter has been an easy way for me to get my daily celebrity gossip, world news and music updates.”

More than just a trend

Twitter was formally released to the public in May of 2007 on the basis of creating a medium for the growing population of social Web site users focused around the user’s “status.”

By simply asking “What are you doing?” Twitter is fulfilling its goal to provide its users with an easy way to receive all of the information that is most important to them. Inventor, founder and chairman of Twitter, Jack Dorsey, created the site in hopes that it would help keep friends and loved ones connected, update its users on significant issues and even let them squeeze in a little celebrity gossip.

Users are not just updating their moods on Twitter, they are also keeping up with breaking news around the world.

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A Mini Guide to Twitter

tweet - a Twitter status update, limited to 140 characters

@reply - combining @ and a user name to reply to a specific user in an update

nudge - reminding a user to update his or her Twitter

following - following another Twitter user so their updates will appear on the home page

Less parking for students, more safety for drivers

BY MATT KUHL
STAFF WRITER

The City of Milledgeville recently decreased the amount of parking spots on Liberty Street, next to the Student Activities Center, by restriping parking spaces into parallel parking spots.

Milledgeville City Marshal Jack Graham, who is responsible for Milledgeville’s Public Works Department, said the primary reason for restriping the spaces was safety.

“With the old spaces, cars backing out would protrude too far into traffic, and cars would have to swerve across the double yellow line,” said Graham. “But now there is adequate room for drivers and parkers.”

According to Graham, the new parking spaces are 20 feet in length, a size sufficient for most cars and even SUVs.

Graham estimated the change caused a net loss of two parking spaces, which he deemed to be a small price for increased safety. The city plans to restripe parking spaces on other streets, as soon as they can record it on the road crews’ schedules. Graham specifically denoted Wilkinson Street, between Montgomery and Hancock, and two blocks of Wayne Street downtown, as streets that would soon have parallel parking.

Lauren van Winklen, a sophomore psychology major, disagreed with Graham’s rationale.

“Well, I think it’s really frustrating for me, because I live over in the Village, so I’m considered a resident, but I’m so far away that I have to depend on the shuttle or a car,” said van Winklen.

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Student Activities Budget Committee

Organization Eligibility and Budget Process

The Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) will be meeting soon to discuss the 2009 – 2010 funding requests by eligible student organizations. To receive funding for the next year, groups must meet the following specific eligibility requirements and follow the budget request process as stated below from the approved “Student Activities Budget Committee Policies and Procedures.”

Organization Eligibility Requirements

A. The group must be officially recognized and have a faculty or staff adviser. The organization must exist purely to serve or represent the student body as a whole. Programs and participation in the organization must be open to all students. The organization must not have any racial, religious, or ethnic ties which might discourage otherwise interested students from joining it and must not discriminate on the basis of race, sex or national origin.

B. The organization may require certain abilities or talents of its participants. However, the right to apply for membership in such an organization must be available to all interested students. Moreover, the organization must present a program which satisfies the following three requirements.

1. The program must be of general benefit to the student body and participation in the program must be open to all interested students.
2. The program must be one which the sponsoring organization is clearly better able to present than any other campus organization already being funded under criteria A.
3. The program must have sufficient value to warrant its funding when compared to other criteria spelled out above.

Approved student organizations that meet the eligibility requirements may pick up information concerning the process and requirements for a budget hearing in the Student Affairs Office. The information may also be found in the Student Handbook Online at <http://www.gcsu.edu/studentlife/handbook/advisory.html> under Student Activity Budget Committee. For full consideration eight (8) copies of the request for funding must be submitted to the SABC by March 20, 2009, c/o the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, in the Student Affairs office, Lanier Hall, room 214 or CBX 27. Approved student organizations meeting eligibility requirements are not necessarily guaranteed funding by the SABC, and organizations relating their request to the mission of the university will be given primary consideration.

GDOT

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would be safer for pedestrians and it has worked at other universities Grant said. Any changes to the crosswalks on Hancock and Clarke streets must be done by the GDOT and will have to meet their high standards.

“There is a lot of congestion in that area (Hancock and Clarke streets),” Baker said. “Cars (parked) on the street cause an obstruction of vision for both drivers and pedestrians.”

Baker added that if pedestrians do not press the button to cross and start to cross the street, then they could be liable if they did not have the right of way in an accident.

Last school year, five accidents were reported to GCSU Public Safety, and only one occurred at the intersection of Hancock and Clarke streets.

Smith wants students to not disregard the signals, even if they are in a hurry; he believes that students still need to obey the laws.

Overall, Baker, Grant and Smith agreed

that pedestrians and drivers need to pay attention, and that they are doing what they can to ensure public safety.

Students are feeling optimistic about the GDOT study on the crosswalks.

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TODAY'S SPECIALS: NEW RESTAURANTS

BY ELISE COLCORD
STAFF REPORTER

Despite the economic crisis, Milledgeville is booming with entrepreneurs making their dreams a reality. Local restaurants Grits, Red Rooster and P.J.'s Steakhouse have burst on to the scene with every intention of bringing a unique flavor into the food industries.

Grits is the place to go for good, home-style southern cooking for breakfast or lunch on the south side of town in a quaint aged brick building.

Co-owners of Grits, Trey Brit and Rocky Duncan pounced on an opportunity too good to pass up. Duncan described their good for-

tune with the building itself.

"We got a great deal from the bank on a turn key property," said Duncan. "Everything was already in place, dishes, forks, everything. So all we had to do was go in there put a stove in, clean, paint and add our own flavor and we were in business."

Entrepreneurs realize the risk of opening a business during tight times but see that the benefits outweigh those hazards.

The Red Rooster, owned by Dennis Hallman, is located on the bustling part of North Columbia Street in the Tractor Supply parking lot next to Pickle Barrel.

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P.J.'s Steakhouse is located on North Columbia Street.



Red Rooster is also located on North Columbia Street, next door to Pickle Barrel Cafe.

Yummy!!



Mellow Mushroom is under construction, and is due to open soon.

COMING SOON: MELLOW MUSHROOM

BY CLAIRE CHILDS
STAFF WRITER

The famed Mellow Mushroom is gracing the Milledgeville area with tie die, laid back '70s vibe and the fastest pizza service in town. Pizza lovers will only have to wait till mid-March to behold the magic that Mellow Mushroom promises to deliver with every slice.

As pizza bakers, Mellow Mushroom is up against some tough competition in this town, but the owners and managers are sure of success.

Mellow Mushroom is now under construction on Highway 441 in front of Wal-Mart, near Chili's.

Lake Oconee Mellow Mushroom manager, Austin

Pickett is opening up the Milledgeville franchise. He admits that the competition "is definitely a concern, but Mellow Mushroom is more than just pizza, it's an attitude and an experience."

Successful franchises in Gainesville, Auburn and Athens lead Pickett to believe Mellow Mushrooms thrive in towns with college students. As GCSU becomes more and more popular, it is only fitting that it earns the Mellow Mushroom stamp of approval.

"There is one in my hometown," Carrie Burks, Fayetteville native, said. "I will definitely go to this one too."

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READ: [reed], verb.

1. To look at carefully so as to understand the meaning of (something written, printed, etc.)

2. to render in speech

3. to have such knowledge of a language as to be able to understand it.

4. To acquire knowledge from the written text.

5. to apprehend the meaning of

6. to adopt or give as a reading in a particular passage

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On Feb. 27 and 28, GCSU hosted the 27th Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students Network Area 9 conference and welcomed student peer educators and peer education advisers from the Southeast.

The BACCHUS Network is a university and community based organization focused on promoting student-based, campus and community-wide leadership on health and safety issues. Their national organization divides the country into 12 geographical regions. Every spring, each region hosts a conference at a University within that region, and this year, GCSU hosted the event.

The conference included over 115 students and advisors from Berry College, The Citadel, Clemson University, Florida Southern College, Florida State University, University of Georgia and University of Miami.

Participants benefited from keynote speakers and various workshops primarily focused on helping student peer educators help fellow college students reduce high-risk behaviors in regard to alcohol use. GCSU has 12 peer educators who are actively involved in helping and attending conference sessions. These students are trained and supervised, in part, by Chris Lamphere and Jennifer Strole, both in Counseling Services. Grant support obtained by Dr. Barbara Funke, Department of Kinesiology, from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety helps support the peer education program.

Hidden hideaway

Students enjoy the perks of The Den

BY LAUREN CARROLL
STAFF WRITER

There is never a reason to be lonely or stay hidden in your dorm room with The Den right around the corner.

The Den offers a place for students to get away from the stress of college work by hanging out with other students, playing Wii or Xbox Live games, lounging in one the massage chairs while watching a flat screen TV or challenging another student in a game of pool.

Relatively new and recently renovated, The Den is located in the university's Student Activities Center building on the corner of East Hancock and South Liberty streets, one floor below Magnolia Ballroom.

"We just try to make The Den a fun, relaxing place on campus," Yasmienne Davis, the center's event planning operation specialist, said.

The Den's staff wants to make the lounge an on-campus safe haven for students who feel bogged down by schoolwork.

"We have a good amount of games. But if someone wants to play a game we don't have, students can request games," Davis said. "We are pretty flexible at making The Den as welcoming as possible."

Excited that last semester was the busiest ever for The Den, Davis and staff are still trying to find ways to get the

word out to students to check out the available facility.

"A lot of my friends have apparently hung out at the Student Activities Center, but I never really knew about The Den," Jessica Greeson, senior, said. "There was nothing around campus that was screaming, 'Hey, come visit this place,'" Greeson said.

Kyle Whitmire has used The Den as an escape in the past.

"My favorite part about The Den is that it is open late. I especially enjoy the ping pong and pool tables," Whitmire said.

The Den has advertised on the screen outside Sodexo and placed signs on cafeteria tables, but word of mouth may be the most effective advertising so far.

"If someone hadn't taken me there, I probably would have never gone," Andrew Burton, sophomore, said.

The advertising seems to be working since more students are using the facility. Davis thinks the school tours should bring prospective students to The Den.

"People who are seniors already have their hangout spots, they've been here for four years, but the people we do see here are freshmen," Davis said.

Whether it is playing Wii, shooting a game of pool or



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Matt Williams and Eric Neas shoot a game of pool at The Den.



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Eric Neas and Patrick Robertson relax in The Den's massage chairs located below the Student Activity Center.

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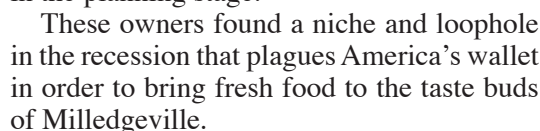
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“So I think it’s really tough because we just don’t have enough parking here. So to make it less, even though it’s safer, they need to offer other options. They need

As of yet, there has been no negative feedback from

Graham said that any feedback or suggestions from students is welcome.

The Lake Oconee area is 45 minutes from Milledgeville and is quickly becoming a well-to-do area. According to Pickett, Mellow Mushroom also promises to have much faster service, with an average food wait time of 25 minutes and lower prices than its fellow Milledgeville competitors.

According to Mellow Mushroom General Manager Sarah Batchelor, Bobcat Cards will not be accepted at the new location. Many Milledgeville restaurants

In addition to its atmosphere, Mellow Mushroom will have a patio located away from traffic, a large selection of draft beer, as well as pizza, calzones, pretzels and a variety of hoagies, Pickett said.

"It's nice because I don't have a Playstation or Xbox, so I can go there and play with friends," Wright said.

The Web site is quickly building a fan base as more and more people begin “twittering” each day.

"I have seen a lot of other coffee shops on Twitter; it's an excellent social networking tool. It allows us to get in touch with other coffee shops and see what drinks and espres-

To get involved, make a username and password and post a status under 160 words. Much of Twitter's publicity comes from the ease of updating a status, it's as simple as that.

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America: an apathetic union?

On Tuesday night former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor appeared on Comedy Central's "The Today Show with Jon Stewart," to discuss her recent work.

Since leaving the Supreme Court in 2006, O'Connor has dedicated her time to encouraging American youths to study civics. But it was about a minute and a half into the interview that O'Connor revealed the scary state of apathy that currently plagues our nation.

"I thought that perhaps a lot of Americans had stopped understanding the three branches of government," the 78-year-old former justice told Stewart. "Actually, the Annenberg Foundation took some polls: only a third of Americans can even name the three branches of government, much less say what they do."

One-third, that is roughly 103 million of 305 million Americans that can simply name the three branches of government: judicial, legislative and executive for those of you keeping score.

The Colonnade staff is shocked.

We are constantly reminded that today's society is drowning in lethargic waters, but are two-thirds of Americans really the dolts that this statistic points to, or do they simply lack education?

For many, there is no excuse, but for some a failing education system is the obvious blame.

Unfortunately, in this country many public schools, especially in low-income areas, do not provide the education necessary to rid students of the ignorance that leads to such an astonishing statistic.

In order for a republic, "by the people, for the people," to properly work, that ignorance must be erased.

Unfortunately, that most likely will never be fully realized, but you can help.

It's really quite simple: take some time out of your day and just see what is going on in the world. Brush up on your knowledge of how the American government system works, although many find it boring, it really can be quite fascinating (and understanding how the government works will help you in your everyday life).

The old saying that "ignorance is bliss," shouldn't ring true in this "information age." Because, really, how can we expect to make the world better, if we cannot make ourselves a little better.

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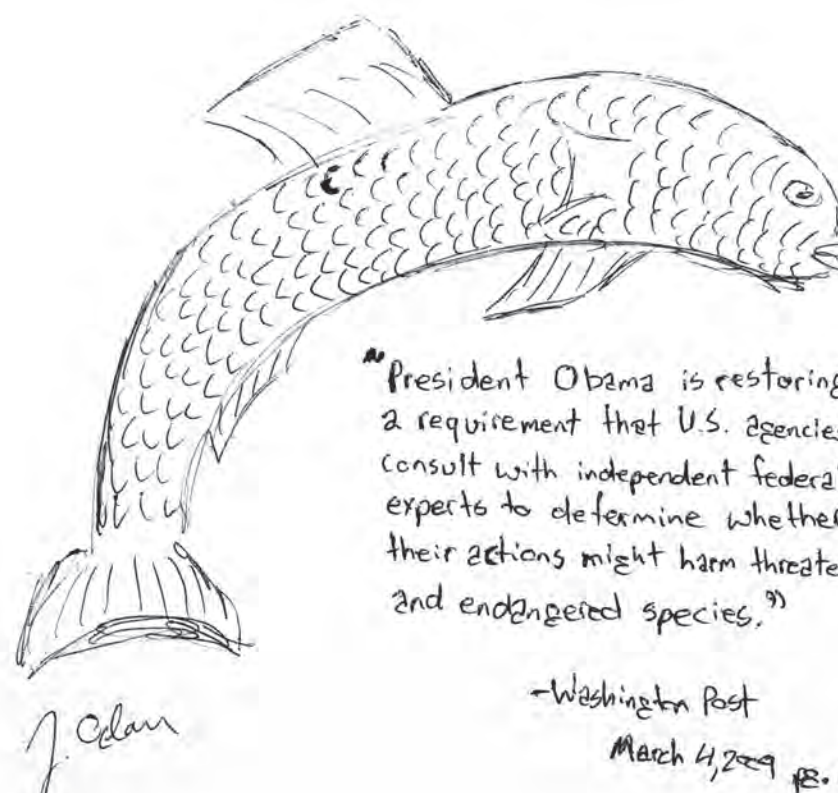
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George W. Bush: not a conservative



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

In 2000, President George W. Bush ran for president under the mantra of compassionate conservatism. After eight years in the Oval Office, I see many reasons why his presidency was neither compassionate nor conservative.

Conservatives believe the most important value for the American people is freedom. Under former President Bush, our government became more invasive and unfortunately, more apathetic to the constitution. It began with the Patriot Act which is a clear violation of privacy rights. Although the right to privacy is not specifically enumerated in the Constitution, the Supreme Court has frequently upheld it as an implied or assumed right of every American.

Since the Patriot Act apparently didn't go far enough in limiting personal freedom, Bush signed into law a bill that allows the federal government to wiretap personal phone calls. While I understand the security issues, I can't understand why a party

that prides itself on supporting personal freedom would allow the federal government this ridiculous amount of power.

Bush also signed into law a bill that federalizes airline security and another that created the Department of Homeland Security. Conservatives have historically operated under the belief that the free market virtually always nets better results than the government. Assuming Bush favors quality airline security, why would he take steps to federalize it? Perhaps because he isn't a true conservative. The Department of Homeland Security is an interesting case. 9/11 was caused, in part, by a breakdown in the intelligence community due to too many levels of bureaucracy. So what is Bush's answer? Create another department that will add another layer of bureaucracy. Though exceedingly popular at the time, the Dept. of Homeland Security has quickly fallen victim to the inefficiency of so many government agencies before it.

On the domestic front Bush signed into law No Child Left Behind which sets difficult and strange requirements on public schools such as a high mandated school attendance rate, as if the teachers have any control over whether sick children stay home or not. True conservatives want to keep local communities in charge of their own schools, while former President Bush

thinks that bureaucrats in Washington seem to know best.

Bush also signed into law the Medicare Prescription Drug bill which expands the government program by hundreds of billions of dollars. Once again, the former president forgoes free market efficiencies for costly and inefficient government programs.

Bush also limited first amendment freedom of expression by signing into law Campaign Finance Reform. This law limits the amount of money Americans may donate to presidential candidates and clearly limits freedom of expression as decided by the Supreme Court in *Buckley v. Valeo*.

Additionally, former President Bush tried to pass immigration reform in 2007 which would provide amnesty to an estimated 12 million illegal aliens that are breaking our laws every day that stay here. The conservative ideology that I know doesn't reward lawlessness.

Economically, President Bush has been extremely liberal through subsidies and bailouts. Possibly the worst subsidy of all was the Farm Bill which gave millions of dollars to large plantation owners and relatively little to small farms. Most conservatives recognize that subsidies are almost never justified and are usually just an easy way to buy votes. One of the farm subsidies is to pay farmers not to grow crops, in other words sub-

dizing idleness.

But the former president even found a way to outdo that lapse in judgment by supporting massive bailouts for financial companies that mismanaged and even U.S. automobile companies that can't compete with foreign car companies. True conservatives believe in the natural selection of the free market. In essence, if a company is unable to compete, then it has no place in business, yet another reason why it seems Bush surrendered his conservative principles quicker than France surrendered to Germany.

Lastly, conservatives have historically been suspect of pre-emptive war. When running for president in 2000, Bush said he would not engage in nation building. But President Bush lost that conservative principle too, and has single handedly turned the Republican Party into a party that thrives on foreign intervention.

Conservatism has a rich history of great leaders like Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan. Since the tax cuts in the summer of 2001, I have difficulty thinking of any truly conservative stance that President Bush has taken on any piece of legislation. Unfortunately, because he calls himself a conservative his big government, big spending and invasive foreign policy is now what some people associate with conservatism. President Bush has done a great injustice to conservatives by not being one.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Comments from the Web

The following are recent story comments from GCSUnade.com:

A Pricey Celebration

Glad to hear the concert was a huge success! I hope next year they will give an alumni who owns an entertainment company a shot. This is alumni weekend not spirit week. I am already getting ideas together for an event to bring alumni back to Milledgeville in 2010. People want to come back to their school, but they need a show what entices them to do so. It's scary to think who my company could have bought with a \$66,000 budget. Congrats again on a successful 2009 but in 2010 lets look at the alumni to make the week an even bigger success!!

GCSU could use some more pride, and I guess homecoming is a way to make up for it, but I think many people would have more school pride if there was more stuff to do here on weekends. The school I don't think has much control over that really, but Milledgeville does. I could go for at least one more bar. Not everyone wants to go out and get wasted listening to Journey.

Speaking of crappy music, GCSU could also benefit from hiring better bands. No body REALLY likes live rap music! It's a bunch of bellowing and noise and acting like you could care less about performing.

And who is Cartel anyways? I mean, I know GCSU can't pony up the big bucks, but at least get a band that doesn't weep be-

cause they can't afford \$250 girl jeans... I think most students here would enjoy something as easy as say an Allman Brothers cover band, or better yet, some kind of 80's cover band. Something a little more universal.

Leland not leaving

Yay! I like Dr. Leland and I'm glad she's staying. PLEASE get the budget together.

I want to see where my \$100 went. And I do NOT want to have to pay it again.

I am disappointed in this. I was hoping that Leland would be replaced by a president who would actually show their face every once in a while. I honestly think that she is using GCSU as a stepping stone to a more prestigious position. How about Harshbarger for President?

Green ExStream keeps it clean

I am so happy that all the students in The Green ExStream are participating in this GREAT project. They are teaching the younger and older to recycle and to stop littering!

Taboo: Lifestyles with marijuana

Marijuana penetrates into our society like a method of relaxation. Young people can't live without thing. Nevertheless marijuana destroys people's mind, brain and thinking process. We must stop it!

Good and interesting article, thanks!

Got something to say?

The Colonnade is always looking to hear from you. Agree or disagree with something in the paper, write a letter to the editor and send it to colonnade-letter@gcsu.edu. Just need to get something off your chest send us a vent to colonnadevent on AIM. Or log onto GCSUnade.com and comment on any of our stories. Don't go unheard, it's your voice so use it!

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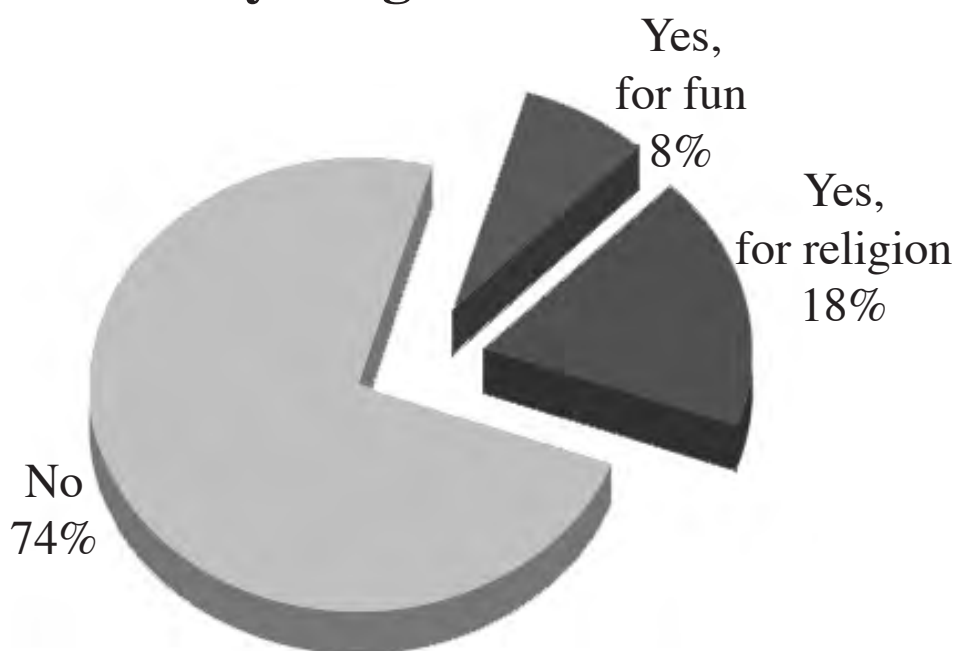
CORRECTIONS

- In last week's edition of The Colonnade the SGA Elects Q & A graphic was by Matt Chambers
- In last week's Bobcat Beat the last person should have been identified as Cassie Sinclair, junior, mass communication.

POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY COREY DICKSTEIN

Did you give up anything for Lent?



Next week's question: Are you on Twitter yet?

- Yes, I love it
- Yes, it is okay
- No, but I will join
- No, I will not join

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What did you do for the 'snow day'?



"I was at Auburn and we played in the snow and built a snowman; there was alot of snow."

Jessica Brunson, freshman, business

"I studied for a politics midterm and went outside to frolic in the snow."

Jordan Spires, freshman, psychology



"I built a snowman and drove back to school."

Justin Cobo, freshman, undeclared

"I napped for five hours because I just got back from Tennessee."

Kaitlin Mullins, freshman, sociology

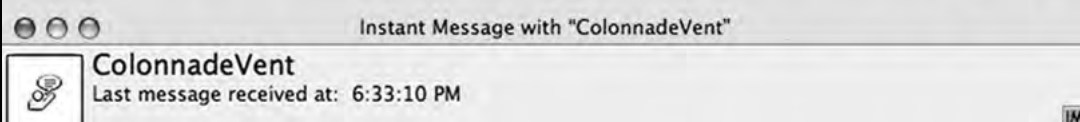


"I studied a couple different classes and wanted to go play in the snow."

Kelley Henderson, sophomore, nursing

Reported by Bobby Gentry

The Litter Box



I hate how people go to sleep and there is no one to talk to at 2:20 a.m.!!!
Golly people it's college stay up LATE!!!!

Alex just mushroom stamped the breakfast lady in the back

Today on Maury "I was in a coma... I can't be your baby's Daddy!" ... Quality TV right there!

To the person who puked on the stairs in the 300 building... go to the doctor; bright orange is not normal, neither is the perfect footprint in it. Gross.

What's up with this weather? I don't know whether how sad I just got was of my own volition or if I'm just missin' the sun.

Somehow I think that paying 2/3 of my gross income for 2008 to the Feds is a bit ridiculous. Am I alone in thinking this? Let's get rid of the IRS or focus on FairTax. That would be nice.

I didn't watch either Obama's or Jindal's speech. I had more valuable things to do with my time... like watching NCIS. Oh, and studying. Studying too.

What if people actually said what they thought instead of being fake and lying, because they're ashamed of the truth. Here's an idea: if you're going to be ashamed about what you're doing and lie about it to *everyone* then DON'T DO IT!!! It's not exactly rocket science.

Why do the education cohorts eat your life? ...I better get a freaking job after all of this!!



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The Rover: Actors bear it all

BY MATT ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Rock and roll singer Ian Dury was right when he said there is more to life than sex, drugs and rock and roll in his famous song under the same title – there is sword fighting too.

The GCSU Theater Program hosted “The Rover” last week in Russell Auditorium.

The director of the play, Karen Berman, wanted to show GCSU that this play was still necessary in this day and age.

“I wanted to make this (play) relevant to students at GCSU,” Berman said.

man said. “I found a lot of connections in 1960s to the 1660s.”

These connections include a women’s revolution, similar to one that took place in the 1960s and the four British characters’ invasion of Italy being reminiscent of the Beatles taking over a generation.

The costumes at first glance appear to be something straight out of the 17th century with the puffy shirts, a scimitar holstered to the hip and the long, elegant dresses, but when one of the characters makes his first appearance donning a pair of ‘60s green shades with a peace sign hanging from his neck, the intertwining of eras becomes evident.

The actress who played Hellena, Caleigh Allen, exemplified the importance of the play.

“The Rover is a special kind of play not only because of the heightened language, but also because of the incredibly relevant content,” Allen said. “Women struggled just as hard back then to be independent and strong as they do now. It’s so amazing how the issues in this play are still so important.”

This featured play is a part of the “Women in the Spotlight: Plays by women” series, and was originally written by Aphra Behn back in 1677. Behn’s influential work invoked other women to

become more involved in playwriting.

“What (the theater program) really needed to do is a play by the first acknowledged woman playwright,” Berman said.

The production of “The Rover” did have some obstacles to hurdle over.

The actor who played Willmore, Sean Casey, showed how cutting a five hour play almost in half was not easy.

“Since this play is an English Restoration piece, the heightened text and esoteric allusions have required a strict analysis on the part of the cast,” Casey said. “Every scene really needs to be taken line-by-line when reading through the script. With an audience attuned to the quick beat changes of television, and the short run time of new plays, trying to deliver a performance of something like ‘The Rover,’ which can easily last five hours, takes a lot of focus, endurance and perseverance.”

Preparation was scheduled far in advance to keep the students’ schedules less stressful.

Auditions were held in Max Noah Recital Hall on Nov. 2 and 3 so that they would not conflict with finals, papers or other assignments that occurred at the end of last semester for the students, according to Berman. The cast was to familiarize themselves with the script over winter break.

GCSU now offers online ticket sales

BY WARREN JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

It just became easier to buy tickets for productions at GCSU. The music and theatre department debuted its new online box office at last week’s production of “The Rover.”

Audience members can now buy and print performance tickets from their home computers – all day, every day.

Tina Alvarez, senior secretary of the theatre department, spent hours on the phone selling tickets to a number of productions. The year’s most popular events like “The Nutcracker” and the “GCSU Holiday Concert” sold out.

“It’s a daunting task – answering six-hundred phone calls,” Alvarez said.

Previously, tickets were only available for purchase in the office of the theatre department or at the box office before the performance.

“Selling online is just another way to make buying tickets easier, and it lightens our load,” she said.

Russell Auditorium, where most productions are held, can seat nearly 1,000. Even performances like “The Rover” and this week’s Jazz Band

concert can have long lines stringing from the door.

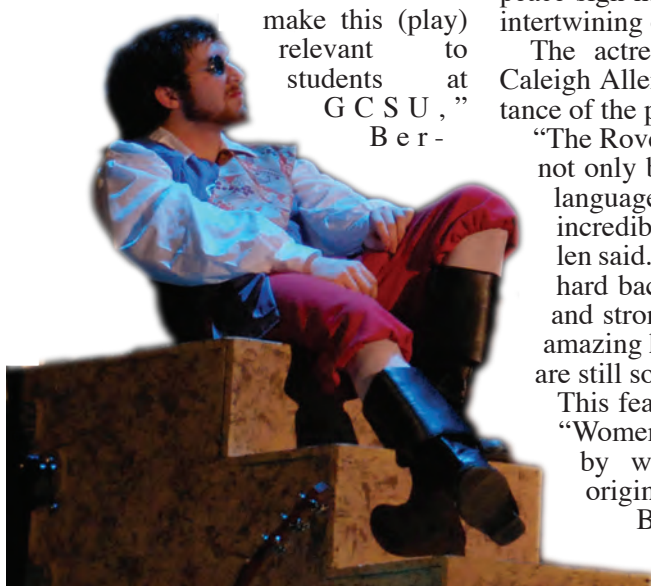
“I’m anxious to see what results we get for the Jazz concert,” Alvarez said. “We had great success with the online ticket process last week with ‘The Rover.’ We were so afraid, but it worked! The lines moved so fast.”

Those who wish to buy tickets online will find the process simple and quick. A printed receipt with a barcode is your ticket to the show. The departments now have four barcode scanners to check tickets and zap through the lines.

Tickets for the March 5 and 6 performances of the GCSU Jazz Band at 8 p.m. in Russell Auditorium are now available online. The rest of the season’s productions are also listed on the online ticket box office.

“This is an exciting moment for the university,” said Karen Berman, theatre chair, in a press release. “It has taken almost every department from financial operations, to IT, to the university webmaster, to the auditor’s office, to the dean, to business and finance, to the assistant chief information officer to make this happen.”

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Spotlight

BY CHELSEA THOMAS



Top Ten Ways To Live Healthy

For many college students, the last concern they have is about the food they put into their body or the amount of cardio they achieve each week.

Yet, as proven through numerous health studies, eating healthy and exercising regularly can lessen stress and help students do better in class.

1. Quit sacrificing meals for quick snacks. Make time to eat wholesome meals. Too often college students substitute fatty snacks, such as chips or popcorn, for an actual meal. Eating three balanced meals per day, plus healthier snacks, keeps you energized and your metabolism active. When you do snack, choose fruit and granola over sugar and caffeine.
2. On weekends when many students tend to eat at least one meal out at a restaurant, it is important to choose appropriate portion sizes. Since you are out on the town you may not recognize how much food you are actually eating. Think ahead to order smaller meals you can finish or plan to take food home.
3. Water, water and more water. Drink at least eight glasses daily to keep your body hydrated. Your organs operate smoother, and it is proven to help your skin!
4. Choose the inconvenient path on the way to class and around town. Park in the last spot to walk farther. Those spurts of effort can add up and be beneficial in keeping your body actively fit.
5. Eat foods with calcium and fiber. Vitamins are important to maintain a high immune system. Building up calcium now can prevent osteoporosis later.
6. Take advantage of the Wellness Depot for exercising – after all, you pay to use it! Pick up the monthly aerobic schedule from the depot to take morning or night classes. Sign up for intramurals for a fun way to exercise with friends.
7. You need sleep. Believe it or not, college students need to get an average of eight hours a night. According to a Stanford University study, students have pushed down sleeping to six hours, causing academics to suffer as well as memory loss.
8. For late night hunger, don't turn to pizza or fast food. Keep some of these healthy snacks in your room: string cheese, yogurt cups, smoothies, baby carrots or low-fat milk.
9. If you need to lose weight, do it sensibly. Sign up for a personal trainer through the Wellness Depot to help encourage and advise you. Starvation and diets can offer a quick fix but often not a lasting solution.
10. Find time for a mental break. Being healthy is not all about being physically fit. It's also about staying mentally strong. Take some time to relax. Have some quiet time to clear your thoughts whether that be by listening to music or taking a walk.

Local gym offers new ways of getting into shape

BY KYLE COLLINS
SENIOR REPORTER

In keeping with the top exercise trends of 2009, Milledgeville gym Bodyplex begins its first Boot Camp next week. GCSU students and area residents will be involved in localizing a nationally prominent fitness style.

Boot camp formatted workouts are a quick, efficient way to strengthen the body. These team-oriented programs are designed to build endurance, while always keeping the routine fresh.

The American Council on Exercise said boot camp sessions can burn up to 600 calories, providing a major boost to people struggling to lose weight. While other aerobic programs focus more on cardiovascular conditioning, boot camp workouts provide the added benefit of muscle fitness.

Mike Martino, owner of Bodyplex and an associate professor of exercise science at GCSU, said installing new equipment and workout programs is part of the club's mission. Martino and partners took over the club last spring, planning to bring big city flair to a small town health club.

Part of the membership fees go toward club enhancement, which guarantees some new equipment every year such as the recent addition of the Vibraflex 550, one of only two in Georgia, to provide a fresh challenge for members.

Installing state of the art equipment and providing alternative exercise programs like boot camp adds to the Bodyplex mix.

"The big thing is giving our members more variety. There will literally be eight different workouts, which will be totally new to them," Martino said.

Two exercise science undergraduates, junior Josh Dunn and senior Alycia Hayes, along with graduate student Rich Dobson will serve as the boot camp sergeants. All three have training certifications from the American College of Sports Medicine.

Dobson said they are still brainstorming about the different exercises and ways to reward the participants. Martino wants to measure the boot campers at weeks one and four and after the final workouts on week eight.

"Right now, we're getting the schedules set up," Martino said. "The biggest thing is organization. We'll iron out the wrinkles on this first trial."

For added incentive, the participants will be divided into three small teams competing for prizes at the program's end.

The evaluations determining most improved go beyond just weight loss.

Other factors include VO2 tests to measure cardiovascular condition, body mass index, grip strength and a Polar BodyAge system test. The Polar software gives a calculated body age based on fitness level. A 30 year-old in poor shape may have a BodyAge of 45 or vice versa.

The \$99 fee covers two sessions per week for a total of 16 sessions.

"(Boot camp) is different workouts, not your regular rule of thumb techniques. I want them to experience something they've never experienced before," Dunn said. "Normally, people think of working out as lifting weights and running for so long. This will completely change their perspective and shock a lot of people."

The eight selected workout sessions are centered on quick change and intensity.

Rope circuit training, already a mainstay for GCSU fitness buffs and athletic teams, should add to the boot camp's variety. Rope workouts last less than 45 minutes, but accomplish much in terms of conditioning and strength training.

Dunn and Dobson agree the ropes will be the most shocking for the participants.

"They're gonna get to some things and feel like, 'Man that was hard'. It will definitely be challenging," Dobson said.

Even if the boot camp workout cycle seems too tough at first, Dobson said the boot campers get multiple chances to improve on their last attempt.

According to EverydayHealth.com, people are more likely to have fun and stay on track when exercising with a partner or group. These supportive settings help people push themselves more to improve.

In addition, participants will learn about diet planning and different tips for healthy shopping. Hayes hopes the knowledge gained during the boot camp isn't lost when the program ends.

"I want them to be able to establish a regular routine that carries over into a healthy, regular lifestyle," Hayes said.

If this trial run of Bodyplex Boot Camp is a success, Martino said he could see adding weekly boot camp classes in the future.

Bodyplex employs GCSU students and serves as a place for exercise science majors to develop their personal training skills. The club offers various group fitness classes, resistance training options, a cardio theater with TV's in each unit and 24 hour access.

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Students stumble into trouble with underage drinking

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO
STAFF REPORTER

Milledgeville's downtown area has become notorious for its police presence. Many Milledgeville cops post themselves outside bars waiting for an underage drinker to stumble outside.

"I know you're going to drink," said GCSU's Public Safety Officer Greg Williams. "Just do it smart. I don't think people should be hassled who are just in the bars not causing any sort of social disorder or problem."

According to The Journal of American College Health, two out of five friends attending a four-year college together binge drink regularly, and minors account for 48 percent of alcohol consumption by college students. The CDC even claims that minors drink 11 percent of all alcohol consumed in the US.

Some, like Williams, say GCSU defies these statistics today.

"I would say that drinking underage is not as big of a problem as it used to be in Milledgeville," he said.

In Fall 2008, there were 22 arrests of GCSU students in Milledgeville. GCSU had 5,500 students enrolled as undergraduates last semester, 52 percent of whom were underage at some point. This means that one in every 130- or .76 percent - undergraduate students under the age of 21 were arrested.

These statistics cannot downplay the personal importance of an arrest to a minor.

"When you take someone to jail," Williams said, "that's something that they will never forget. They will always remember where they were, why they were there and who brought them there."

Students will also remember the monetary impact of a minor in possession (MIP) charge.

Cindy Potts, administrative assistant for Public Safety, understands the financial weight

of a single arrest.

"A \$407 ticket for underage drinking could end up costing \$1000 after court fees and probation," she said, "not to mention the 20 hours of mandatory community service."

With UGA just up the road from Milledgeville and Georgia Southern a few hours away, GCSU has some major contenders to deal with in the party scene. UGA has been ranked No. 7 on the Princeton Review's list of "Party Schools" and also ranks highly on its "Lots of Beer" and "Lots of Hard Liquor" lists. The party atmosphere at these schools make GCSU seem quite tame.

While arrests for MIP do not happen too often in Milledgeville, they can happen to any underage person that consumes alcohol. One 19 year-old student was arrested a month ago, and chose to tell her story anonymously:

She claims that she went downtown one night, an irregular activity for her, and had been at a bar about five minutes when a friend bought her a drink.

"I took a few sips before I went towards the bathroom to find my friend," the student said. "I went in that direction with my nearly-full drink in hand. When I was almost to the bathroom, I was tapped on the shoulder and handcuffed inside of the bar. At this time it was only about midnight, and my night was over. I spent the next five hours sitting in jail."

This student's story provides a warning to bar patrons of possible arrest or tickets.

Officer Jamaal Hicks, explained that Public Safety- unlike the Milledgeville Police Department- does not earn any revenue from ticketing offenders of the law.

"(Public Safety) does not get a dime, not a penny, for any ticket we write," he said. "Our only incentive for going out and writing tickets and arresting underage drinkers is for safety issues. We have no interest in going out to do it because we want to make some money."

Ticket Sales Continued from Page 9

In only a few months, the university has gotten the Web site up and running, selling tickets left and right.

"It really puts us out there, having a program like this," Alvarez said. "It's about time we joined the online generation."

GCSU is now one of nearly 100 colleges with an online ticket office through University Tickets.

Aside from at-home convenience, the online office allows the production staff to profile their audiences. The ticket sales are analyzed, showing how many people attended including how many

are students, children or senior citizens.

Sophomore theatre major Stacey Silverman said she enjoys getting free tickets as a cast member but likes the idea of online ticket sales.

"It's nice to be able to send a link to my parents and say, 'Hey, this is my show'," Silverman said.

Alvarez expects ticket sales to increase considering how easy it is to buy tickets using the new Web site.

To purchase tickets online, visit www.gcsutickets.com and create a user account. Once logged in, click on the event for which you wish to

buy tickets, and complete the transaction using your MasterCard, VISA, Discover or AMEX card.

Guests may still purchase tickets in person or by phone. They are available in Porter Hall or at the box office. Eventually, the department hopes to incorporate the use of the Bobcat Card, making it even easier for students to buy tickets.

For more information concerning online ticket sales, e-mail Tina Alvarez at tina.alvarez@gcsu.edu or call (478-445-4226).

Students cut back

BY BETH BENTON
STAFF REPORTER

Tendrils of yellow, brown, black and red hair lay scattered on the checkered tile floor of the Maxwell Student Union Lounge. Several students emerged sporting their new spring look while others sat with long braids and ponytails anxiously awaiting their turn in the chair. It took only seconds and a few quick snips to cut off the hair that had taken donors months to grow.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, GCSU's Gamma Sigma Sigma chapter hosted their annual Locks of Love event in the MSU Lounge, offering students a free haircut if they donated their hair to the Locks of Love organization.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. Their mission is to return a sense of self confidence and normalcy to children suffering from hair loss and enable them to proudly face the world and their peers.

"We got about 16 ponytails this year which is less than last year but still a pretty good number," said Gamma Sigma Sigma PR Chair Danielle Paperno. "I think it went very well this year overall. It seems like everyone had a lot of fun."

Beauticians from Salon One in the Milledgeville Mall volunteered to cut and style participants' hair after they donated.

Students who wished to donate ponytails were required to give 10 inches or more, but smaller lengths were also donated and later sold in order to help offset the production costs of making the wigs. Though only 16 students donated ponytails, several others came to offer their support to friends who were participating. This

year, all participants were female, though last year about five males donated.

"I had always wanted to do it, and I finally worked up the nerve," Samantha Lane, a junior mass communication major, said. "I wanted to donate since freshman year, and I have been growing my hair out for the past year so that I could participate this year."

Many students chose to donate because they know their hair will go to make wigs for financially disadvantaged children suffering from long term illnesses. Some students, like sophomore English major Carter Whitt support the cause so much that they have donated on more than one occasion.

Senior English major Heather Linney donated 11 inches on Tuesday.

"Anyone can do it," said Linney. "Being able to help children with an

illness is really worthwhile, and I would definitely encourage others to donate."



TAYLOR EHRAJIAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Sarah Herring, a freshman Pre-Education major braces herself for a major hair change.



TAYLOR EHRAJIAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Criminal Justice major Rachel Blum is surprised by the amount of hair that she cut off.

Oscars 2009: *best and worst dressed*

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS
COLUMNIST

The 81st Academy Awards has come and gone; however, the celebrity's fashion statements are still being heard loud and clear.

Color, cut and fabric choice are all decisions that can make or break a celebrity as they walk down the red carpet lined with photographers.

Some of the Academy Awards' guests aced their fashion test, but others failed. Since fashion has always been a way to express your individuality, the Academy Awards always has the "unthinkable" on their red carpet runway.

And the Oscar goes to...

My selection for the best dressed female celebrity is actually a tie between Angelina Jolie and Taraji P. Henson, the mother from "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button."

Jolie's Elie Saab black dress was simple yet elegant, and it was perfectly paired with an emerald cocktail ring and earrings. The sheer accent, which revealed her leg, gave the dress its perfect touch of sophistication.

Henson's gown, which was designed by Roberto Cavalli, was a soft ivory-tiered strapless gown. This dress spoke with a sense of sassy sophistication and truly seemed to flow as Henson made her way on the red carpet.

While there was a tie for best dressed, Whoopi Goldberg earns my pick, and the solo honor, for worst dressed with her animal inspired dress. Cheetah print can definitely be a great fashion accent; however, Goldberg's selection of a muumuu looking dress made of cheetah fabric, was not the right choice. The only positive thing about Goldberg's attire was her black peep toe heels.

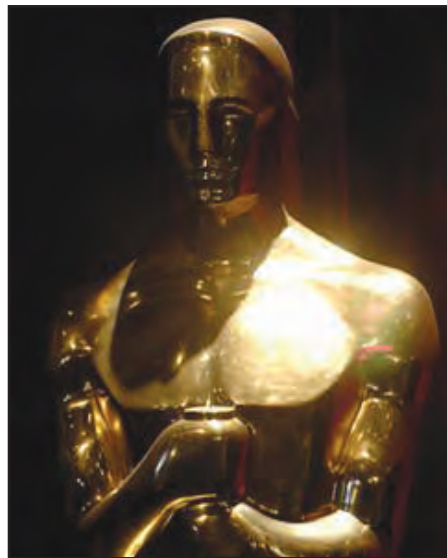
Although definitely not the worst dressed celebrity, Beyonce Knowles disappointed me with her black and gold mermaid cut dress by her very own fashion line, House of Dereon. Besides the fact that the fabric

looked like drapes from your great grandmother's living room, Beyonce seemed very uncomfortable in her ensemble. Many of the pictures taken from the night have her stuck in stiff holiday Barbie poses.

This would not be a fashion run-down if I did not mention teen star, Miley Cyrus. I understand that she is young and is still probably trying to discover her style, but her Zuhair Murad did not hit the mark. This dress was glittery and youthful; however, the fish scale layers made me give her dress a thumbs down.

No Academy Awards is complete without a handsome guy in a tuxedo. Brad Pitt always gives a classic dapper look, but this year I would like to highlight Hugh Jackman, the host of the Academy Awards and my selection for best dressed male. Often known as the Wolverine from "X-Men," Jackman cleaned up well in his custom made three-piece tuxedo.

After a night filled with dancing, singing, awards and fashion, the buzz for next year's award show is already in the air. The 82nd Academy Award will be sure to bring out the good and the bad of fashion, and I will be ready to critique it.



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'Cats finish strong with upset win

Rowland takes over against Aiken, Sellers wins PBC Coach of the Year

BY SAM HUNT
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU men's basketball team closed their regular season by defeating the University of South Carolina at Aiken in an away game by one point in overtime, 73-72.

When the game commenced, the Bobcats and the Pacers were very close, but as the first half progressed, the Bobcats began to stretch their lead. With 8:11 remaining in the game, a jumper made by junior guard Graham Martin gave the Bobcats a ten-point advantage. From there, GCSU was able to maintain the lead over the Pacers until the end of the first half, with the score 38-33 in favor of the Bobcats.

"We went into a very hostile environment," Head Coach Terry Sellers said. "We played a team that was ranked eleventh in the country with a 27 game home winning streak. The guys went and pulled out a one point game win in overtime. It was one of the best games we have had all season."

The Bobcats shooting average for the first half was 39.3 percent on field goals, including 46.7 percent on three-point field goals, and 90 percent on free throws.

When the second half began, the Pacers grabbed the lead very early and were able to maintain a slight lead over the Bobcats until the last minute of the game, when junior point guard Ty Rowland took over.

With 55 seconds remaining in the game, GCSU was trailing 68-65 when junior guard Rowland went up for a layup, hit the shot and drew a foul. With the score at 68-

67 in favor of the Pacers, Rowland made the free throw, tying the game at 68.

Neither team was able to score for the rest of the game, which sent the battle into overtime.

The five-minute overtime period began and the Pacers jumped ahead 70-68. Then with 2:58 remaining, a three-pointer by senior guard Shaun Keaton put the Bobcats ahead 71-70. Aiken quickly responded with a layup, for a 72-71 lead.

With just 33 seconds left in the game, with Aiken in possession of the ball and leading by one, Martin was able to make a steal and give the Bobcats possession. Rowland hit another clutch shot, a layup with 16 seconds remaining, to win the game 73-72.

"It was good to get another chance," Rowland said. "I missed the game winner against Francis Marion at home and I got another chance to redeem myself."

Although Aiken managed to out-rebound the Bobcats 43-32, GCSU had only 13 turnovers, as opposed to the Pacers' 18. The Bobcat's shooting average for the game was 37.3 percent on field goals, but they hit 50 percent on three-point field goals and 85 percent on free throws, two key areas for the Bobcats this season.

For the third game in a row, Keaton was the high scorer for the Bobcats, pouring in 25 points. Keaton shot 8-of-16 on field goals, including 5-of-8 on three-pointers and was 4-of-4 on free throws.

"I think it went really well," Keaton said.



FILE PHOTO
Junior point guard Ty Rowland had 14 points in the Bobcats' win at USC-Aiken, including the tying three-point play at the end of regulation and the game-winning layup in overtime.

Basketball Page 14

Softball splits Barry series, Chandler K's 24

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU softball team split a Wednesday doubleheader with Barry University, dropping game one 1-0 and taking game two 2-1.

Senior pitcher Mandy Chandler took the mound for both games, and dueled Buccaneers' ace Amber Jack in each start.

In game one, Chandler and Jack each struck out 14 batters and kept the bases clear almost the entire game.

The Bobcat hitters struggled against Jack's nontraditional style.

"She's a drop-ball pitcher, and she's good at what she does," senior first baseman Chelsea Wilson said. "We

couldn't figure her out in that first game."

Senior second baseman Lindsey Swanson spoiled Jack's no-hit bid with a single in the fourth inning.

Game two was Chandler's revenge, as she struck out another ten Buccaneers in a complete game shutout.

The Bobcats got an early run off Barry starter Brianna Smith when freshman outfielder Jessica Solomon doubled to score junior utility player Kayla Smith, and then had to face Jack again for the final 3.1 innings.

However, GCSU finally got to the Bucs' ace, pushing the second, game-winning run across in the seventh inning. Freshman catcher Anna Parker doubled after back-to-back singles by fellow freshman and high-school teammate, outfielder Stephanie Lezcano and junior second baseman Allison Schwimer. Lezcano crossed the plate for the Bobcat victory.

The Bobcats are facing a tough schedule, but the players know they have the talent to compete with the best teams in the country.

"We're frustrated, that's the best word for it," Wilson said. "This is such a talented team, at every position."

The Bobcats play several away games this week before returning home March 12 to face Georgia Southwestern State University.



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior pitcher Mandy Chandler winds up against Barry on Wednesday.

Ladies lose final three, head into PBC tourney in sixth

BY MATT CHAMBERS
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU women's basketball team brought the regular season to a close with a loss on the road 67-58 to the University of South Carolina at Aiken Saturday night.

In their third straight loss, the Bobcats outshot Aiken, making 22 out of 54 baskets. The Pacers were able to pull off a win despite only shooting 18-for-46.

Free throws made all the difference in the battle between the teams. Aiken more than doubled the amount of free throws shot by the Bobcats, going 24-for-32. The 'Cats shot seven for 11 in free-throws.

While free throws and fouls did play a part, Head Coach John Carrick does not consider them the only factor in the loss.

"It's very, very easy in sports to blame somebody else like the officials," Carrick said. "It's not the officials; we missed two uncontested layups and we missed four free throws - I didn't see an official push us."

Senior Tiauna Brantley went 4-for-4 from the line and ended up with a total of 17 points. Brantley also had six rebounds, one block and a steal.

Junior point guard Shandrea Moore scored 12 points and had nine assists against the Pacers. Moore also walked away with six rebounds.

Junior guard Daniela Nopuente and junior forward Antoinette Reames both helped the Bobcat effort, scoring nine points each. Nopuente had three rebounds and an assist. Reames managed six rebounds, three swats and two

steals during the game.

The Pacers managed to out rebound the Bobcats 38-30. Aiken's players also had four players score in double digits.

After falling to Aiken, the Bobcats finished the regular season in sixth place in the Peach Belt Conference.

Despite ending the regular season with three losses, Moore is hopeful for the upcoming PBC tournament.

"We didn't finish the regular season off the way wanted to, but we get a chance to redeem ourselves in the tournament," Moore said. "We can get some payback, especially from our last game against Aiken."

On Mar. 5, the team will travel to Aiken to face the Pacers in the 3-vs.-6 quarterfinal round of the PBC Tournament. Even after the recent loss to Aiken, Reames has a positive outlook on the next game.

"The main thing is to think of every team as 0-0. No one has a win, no one has a loss," Reames said. "I think that the conference is pretty much all teams that are close to being the same scoring-wise."

Like Reames, Carrick remains optimistic about the upcoming tournament.

"In the 17 years of the Peach Belt Tournament, Georgia College has won it four times, and the closest [number of wins] to us is two times," Carrick said. "The four times that Georgia College won it they were the first seed, the fourth seed, the third seed, and the sixth seed, so in other words, it's been done from girls who have changed in this same locker room."

THE
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LINE

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SPORTS EDITOR

Manny Ramirez just might be the greatest hitter in baseball. That being said, the rest of his game and his personality prevent him from being included in the discussion of the best all-around player in baseball. But that's just Manny being Manny.

Ramirez's numbers speak for themselves. He has 527 home runs and a lifetime .314 average. He is a feared hitter to be sure, perhaps the most feared currently. He gets on hot streaks similar to Barry Bonds, where walking him seems to be the only way to keep him from producing runs.

But what Manny does in the batter's box is weighed down, at least a little, by his seemingly slack approach to defensive baseball, and his goofy antics on the field. This is where he loses many potential fans, and to many, comes off as apathetic about the game.

Looking at the other players of Ramirez's caliber, names like Pujols and Jeter, you won't find the same attitude. These elite players carry themselves with much more professionalism on and off the field, and generally take themselves and their games very seriously.

Ironically, this is exactly the reason I really enjoy watching Manny play. Sure, he makes some errors and boneheaded plays on defense, but he doesn't lose his cool, ever. He just laughs it off and keeps on playing, and at least to me, seems like he really enjoys himself. He lets his talent speak for itself.

Also, watching Ramirez hit is like watching Michelangelo paint or Spielberg direct. It is an artist, at the peak of his career, doing what he does best. Manny has several good years left, and these next couple could be his best ever.

So really, is it any surprise that the Dodgers wound up resigning him to a two-year deal, and gave him almost every dollar he asked for? Not at all, considering the alternative: Manny in another uniform, crushing Dodger pitching into the L.A. night.

There will never be another player like Manny Ramirez, with all his talent and all his quirks. Let's just watch, and appreciate, the phenomenon that is Manny. And please, just let him be himself.

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Upcoming Sports

Baseball:			
Mar. 10	6 p.m.	Pfeiffer	
Mar. 11	3 p.m.	Pfeiffer	
Tennis:			
Mar. 8	1 p.m.	Anderson (S.C.)	
Mar. 11	3 p.m.	Concord	

Quote of the Week

"He told me, 'When we've determined there's no survivors, we don't look for bodies'." - Bob Bleakley, talking about what a member of the Coast Guard told him regarding the search for his son, Will Bleakley, one of the football players missing in the Gulf of Mexico off the Florida coast since Feb. 28.

Stat of the Week

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Games the men's and women's basketball teams have to win to claim the PBC championship.

Baseball wins shootout

Rally fuels 15-14 win, pushes unbeaten streak to ten



FILE PHOTO

Junior pitcher Mike Tokessy winds up to deliver a strike. Relief pitching has been key for the Bobcats this season.

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU baseball team won their tenth straight game on Wednesday, an away matchup with Albany State University. The game was a high-scoring affair as both offenses churned out runs, but the Bobcats came out on top of a 15-14 decision.

GCSU scored three runs in both the seventh and eighth innings, and added one in the ninth to push the game to extra innings at 13-13.

Junior utility player Brett George led off the tenth with a double, and after a single by sophomore designated hitter Richard Pirkle, junior first baseman Matt Pitts brought home George

with a bunt. Pitts then scored the team's fifteenth run on a single by senior outfielder Danny McCorkell.

ASU got within one in the bottom of the tenth, but junior closer Martin Dewald stopped the Rams short. Dewald went the final 2.1 innings for the win, improving to 4-1 on the season.

The Bobcats had a three-game series with Augusta State University postponed to a later date due to weather, so the ASU game was the only game action for the Bobcats this past week.

The team plays a three-game series at Georgia Southwestern State University on Friday and Saturday.

Ladies take shutout loss, rain postpones several matches

BY SAM HUNT
STAFF REPORTER

On Wednesday, the GCSU women's tennis team suffered a tough defeat in a home game on Wednesday against Clayton State University 9-0. This loss gives the Lady Bobcats their second shutout in a row.

"It didn't go as well as we wanted to," Head Coach Steve Barsby said. "We are in a tough part of our schedule. They do a great job cheering their teammates on, and I think that sometimes they forget about cheering themselves on."

On Friday, Feb. 27, the Lady Bobcats were all set to play on the road against Erskine University when the game was postponed due to weather.

Then, when the Lady 'Cats were at home and prepared to face Clark Atlanta, the intense amount of rain caused another match to be postponed.

In the only match of the week, sophomore Bertille Lion, third singles for the Lady Bobcats, had her record drop to three wins with four losses, and the doubles record went also went to three wins with four losses.

"I think I had been playing (well) for the first set," Lion said. "In the second I kind of struggled in the beginning and then I was just not playing the ball (well)."

Lion's doubles partner, junior Diane Danna, the second singles for the Bobcats, now has a singles record of two wins with five losses and a doubles record of three wins with four losses.

"All of us should be more consistent,"



FILE PHOTO

Senior doubles pair Marjorie Ceppo and Gabby Acuna.

Danna said. "From the No. 1 to the No. 6 we play all the matches, up-down, up-down. We should be more consistent during the matches."

The women's team now has a Peach Belt Conference record of 3-3 and a 3-4 overall record. Both tennis teams have a busy schedule ahead of them this week; the men's team has four matches and the women are scheduled for three matches.

"Me and the assistant coaches will talk about what went wrong today," Barsby said. "We will talk to the girls about it and try to change it in practice."

Athlete of the week: Shaun Keaton



Keaton

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU Athletic Department has named Shaun Keaton, a senior guard on the men's basketball team, its athlete of the week for the week ending Mar. 1.

This is Keaton's fourth such award this season, and the sixth for the men's basketball team.

Keaton averaged 22.5 points in crucial games this week, vic-

tories over UNC Pembroke and No. 11 USC Aiken.

Against Pembroke, Keaton hit the game-winning three with 12 seconds left.

Against Aiken, Keaton was 5-for-8 from three, and led the team with 25 points.

Keaton has scored 20-plus points in four straight games, and nine on the season.

The Bobcats start PBC tournament play on Friday.

Basketball

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"We played with a lot of intensity and we got some big stops when we needed them."

Rowland was the second highest scorer for GCSU with 14 points. He was 5-of-8 from the floor, including 3-of-4 on 3-point field goals and 2-of-2 on free throws.

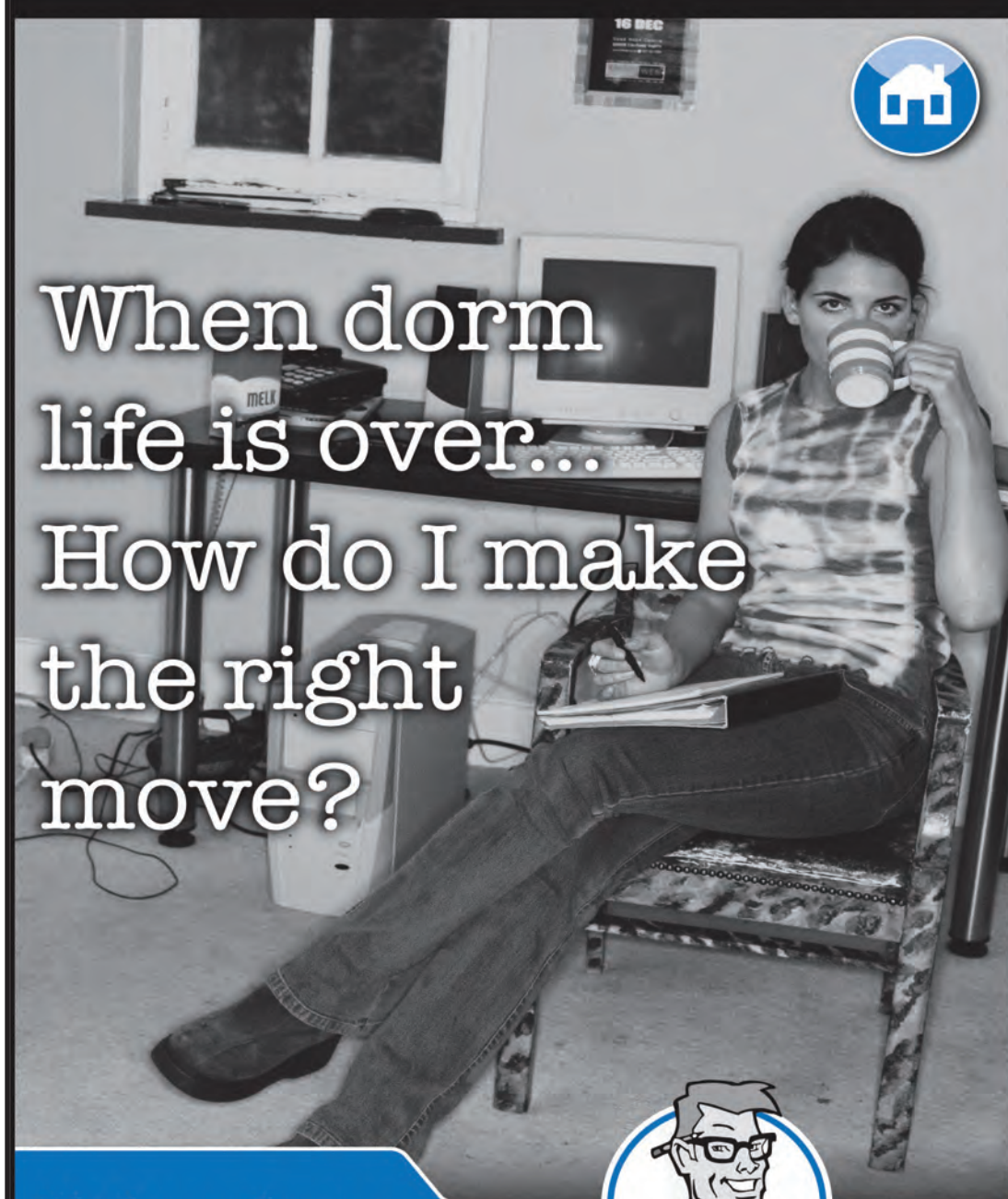
The Bobcats finished the regular season with 21 wins and five losses, their tenth 20-win season in school history. Head Coach Terry Sellers was nominated Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year, leading his team to a fourth-place finish in the confer-

ence after being selected sixth in the pre-season poll.

The Bobcats begin their first postseason game in the PBC Tournament on Friday, Mar. 6 returning to Aiken, S.C. to face the North Georgia College and State University Saints in the 4-seed vs. 5-seed first-round matchup. The Bobcats swept the season series with NGCSU 2-0. A win would put the Bobcats in position to knock off the 1-seed Augusta State University in the semifinals.

"We'll just try to do the same things that we have done all season long," Coach Sellers said. "We are going to go into each game determined to try and outwork each opponent that we'll face this postseason."

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Bobcat award winners



Sellers

Terry Sellers:
PBC Coach of the Year,
men's basketball

Max Beliankou:
PBC Athlete of the Week,
men's tennis



Beliankou

Bobcat Basketball All-PBC players:

Men's team:
Shaun Keaton, senior guard, first team

Women's team:
Tiauna Brantley, senior forward, second team
Shandrea Moore, junior guard, second team

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, March 6-
Thursday, March 11

Friday, March 6

11:00 a.m.	Georgia Public Administration Academic Conference and Annual Meeting, University Banquet Room.
7:00 p.m.	First Friday Foreign Film: Les Choristes [France] Arts & Sciences Auditorium

Saturday, March 7

10:30- 1:00 p.m.	Springfest 2009, Russell Auditorium
7:00p.m.	International Dinner, Magnolia Ballroom

Sunday, March 8

1:00 p.m.	Lady Bobcats Tennis v. Anderson (S.C.) Centennial Center
1:00p.m.	Bobcats Tennis v. Anderson (S.C.) Centennial Center

Monday, March 9

7:30 p.m.	Visions of the Spirit: A Portrait of Alice Walker Peabody Auditorium
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Last Day to Drop Classes without Academic Penalty

Tuesday, March 10

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Registration at the Fountain Arts & Sciences Fountain
2:00 p.m.	Service Recognition Ceremony, Magnolia Ballroom
6:00 p.m.	Bobcats Baseball v. Pfeiffer, West Campus
7:00 p.m.	Faculty Artist Recital, Max Noah Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.	Keeping Our Mouths Shut: A Poet Under the Influence, Peabody Auditorium

Wednesday, March 11

12:30 p.m.	Women on Wednesday: Women in Conservation: Wangari Maathai and the Green Belt Movement Women’s Resource Center, 143 Maxwell Student Union
12:30 p.m.	Times Talk, Beeson Hall, Lower Level
12:30 p.m.	Disney College Program Live Presentation 202 Atkinson Hall
3:00 p.m.	Bobcats Baseball v. Pfeiffer, West Campus
3:00 p.m.	Bobcats Tennis v. Concord, Centennial Center

Thursday, March 12

10:00 a.m.	Registration Workshop, 203 Chappell Hall
1:00 p.m.	Registration Workshop, 203 Chappell Hall
1:00 p.m.	Lady Bobcats Softball v. Georgia Southwestern West Campus
2:00 p.m.	Internship Workshop: Splash into a Summer Internship,102 Chappell Hall
3:00 p.m.	Career Talk on WGUR 88.9FM
3:00 p.m.	Lady Bobcats Softball v. Georgia Southwestern West Campus

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Service Recognition

President Dorothy Leland and the GCSU faculty and staff cordially invite you to the 2008 Service Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, March 10, at 2 p.m. in the Magnolia Ballroom. Refreshments will be available.

Les Choristes

Please come and enjoy Les Choristes -The Chorus next Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Arts & Science Auditorium. Following the death of their old music teacher, two middle-aged men, renowned French conductor Pierre Morhange

and an old friend, Pépino not reminisce about their days at a boarding school for boys.

Scheduled Power Outage

Due to the ongoing replacement of our underground electrical grid, there will be a short power interruption for Parks Hall Tuesday, March 10 beginning at 6 p.m. This outage will only be an hour in duration. Please take necessary steps to protect computers and equipment. In the next several weeks, there will be a need for isolated outages across main campus, some as much as 48 hours in duration. These scheduled outages will be done on weekends only and we will be giving as much notice as possible.

Bobcat Coach Named ‘Coach of the Year’

The Peach Belt Conference office released its end-of-season honors, with GCSU men’s basketball taking Coach of the Year and a spot on the

All-PBC First Team.

Head coach Terry Sellers picked up his fourth conference coach of the year honor, while senior guard Shaun Keaton was named to his second-straight All-PBC Team.

GCSU Museum presents, ‘Breath of Bamboo’

The GCSU Museum will present “Breath of Bamboo,” by Brook Reynolds March 21 through May 10.

The museum will host a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on April 2 with a 6 p.m. panel discussion on the role of art within ecology.

Faculty Music Concert

“Not Dead Yet!!! (with apologies to Monty Python) is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 in Max Noah Recital Hall.

The concert is free and open to the public. The GCSU Department of Music presents a music faculty recital.



THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



Vehicular Vandalism

On Feb. 26 at approximately 3 p.m. a subject reported that while her car was parked in the gravel lot at Adams Hall, unknown person(s) caused damage to her vehicle. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Door Damage

On March 2 at approximately 10:30 a.m., a subject reported that the door to a room at the G.I.V.E. Center was damaged. Nothing appeared to be missing. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for investigations.

Speeding

On March 3 at approximately 12:30 a.m., Officer Williams issued a warning to a subject for speeding at the intersection of Hancock and Pickens streets.

Moved Boxes

On March 3 at approximately 1 p.m., it was reported that boxes in a room at the G.I.V.E. Center had been moved around. The room was in order when they left the day before. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for investigation

Fire Alarm

On March 3 at approximately 7 p.m., Sgt.

Ennis was dispatched to The Village apartments in reference to a fire alarm. Contact was made with the residents, who advised him that they burned some food in the oven. The alarm was reset, and occupants were allowed to return to their room.

Parking

On March 3 at approximately 10 p.m., Sgt. Ennis issued a citation for improper parking at the intersection of Hancock and Wilkinson streets.

Lane Change

On March 3 at approximately 9 p.m., Officer Williams issued a warning to a subject for improper lane change at the intersection of Montgomery and Clarke streets.



Information compiled by Stephanie Sorensen Please go online to

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For an Inside View of
Underage Drinking in
Milledgeville



The recent weeks in the Senate sessions have shown a marked change from the ones earlier this year. With most of the major issues brought before the board deliberated upon, drafted into resolutions and passed on the University Senate, sessions have become shorter and less crammed with material.

This by no means says that SGA has not been busy. The committees now have most of the work done which remains true in this final stretch.

There are four standing committees in SGA: Academic Travel Fund, Internal/ External, Public Relations and Appropriations. Each of these has been continually working to do their part in supporting the student body. ATFC has recently finished their allocations of its funds. Internal/ external is currently working on election procedures and the Bobcat Vision policy.

The Apportions committee reads bills brought before the Senate and gives recommendations of whether to pass or not. This week, SGA followed their recommendation, and funds were allocated to help the inline hockey team pay for their uniforms.

Public Relations are back in full swing af-

ter focusing most of their efforts towards homecoming. They are now working on several projects. First off, PR will set up a table for Spring Fest and also will be planning an Easter egg hunt. The eggs will be filled with World of Wings coupons, and there will be a cash prize for the person who collects the most eggs. Public relations’ biggest project will be a free concert on front campus.

Beyond the four standing committees, there are also three ad-hoc committees which are Student Services, City Relations and Housing. City Relations and Student Services have existed all year. City Relations has been representing the student body on several issues, most notably the housing ordinance, and Student Services has been working on many projects to better students’ lives here at GCSU. Housing is a new committee dedicated to trying to push back the opening day for student housing. They began by giving a survey to the student body and now are having talks with housing services.

Beyond all the work in committees, SGA is still fighting to create an acceptable smoking policy and push through a plan for a prep week before finals.

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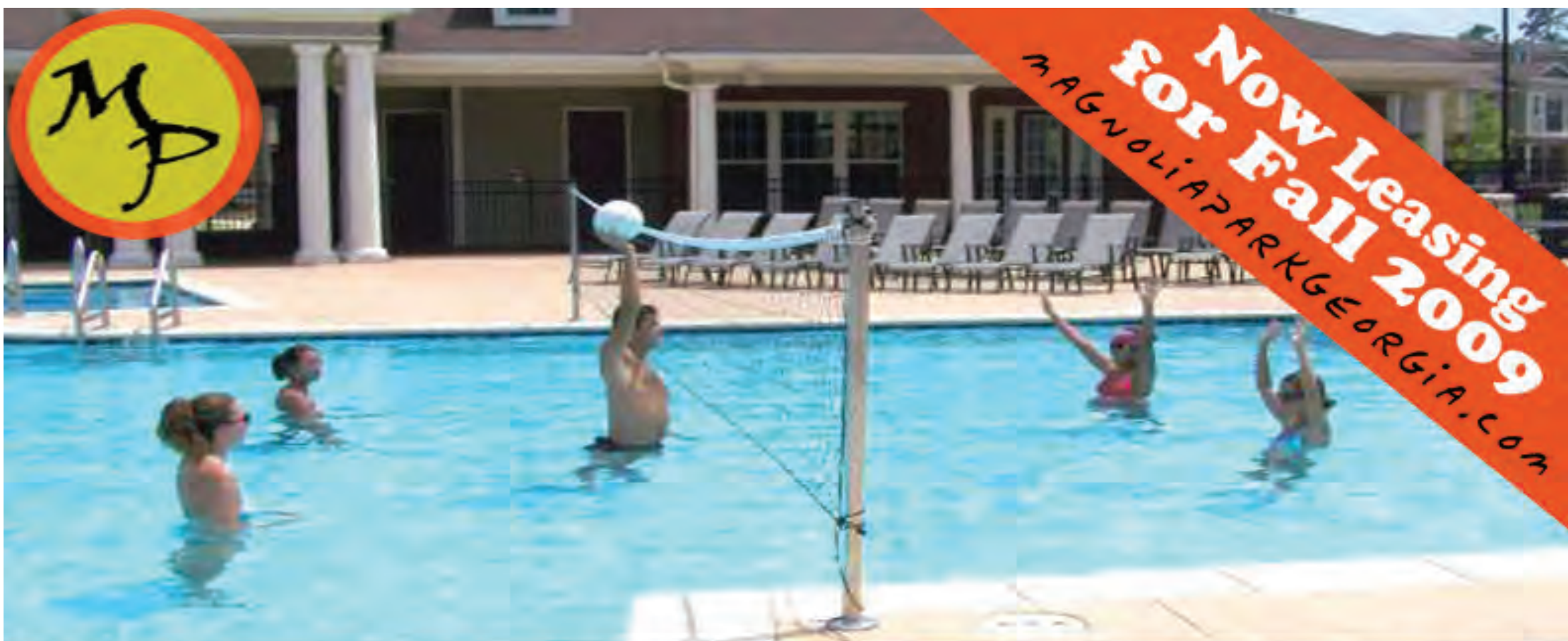
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